Previous references. 1873-74 ~~190~~.

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Later references.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1—8.

Major **Part B. for** March 74.

SUBJECT.

Kenting out the right of drawing Bagane Toddy

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1 From the native coffee Planters of the Belur Taluq
Pet No 127 dated 17-4-73.
Pray for the discontinuance of the ane
System in respect to Bagane Toddy &

2 To the commissioner of the Ashtagram Divisn
No $\frac{1102}{44}$ D 31 St may 1873
Forwards the copy of the above rcvd
G. R. S. 58 No 127 Dt 17-4-73 for report.

3. From the Commissioner Ashtagram
No $\frac{169}{Genl-52}$ Dt 26-6-73

Bagane Toddy in the Hassan Distt, and requests to authorize the Deputy Commissioner to revert to the old System pending Survey Settlement.

4 To the officiating Commissioner
Ashtagram Division
No $\frac{2935}{G.123}$ Dt 2-9-1873

Requests to reconsider the whole question regarding Bagane Toddy and submit his views on the course last suggested.

5 From the Commissioner
Ashtagram Division
No $\frac{356}{85}$ Dt 22-9-73

States that the present contractor may be allowed to continue levying the tax in question.

To the commissioner of Ashtagram
No $\frac{3657}{R\ 55}$ Dt 7-10-73

L Approves the suggestion made in the no $\frac{356}{85}$ Dt 22nd September 1873 and requests to expedite reply to the Chief commissioner order no 2935 recorded in proceedings Dt 2nd September last.

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SECTION S.R.

FILE No. 1873-74

SERIAL No.

Memorandum

Letter No. 169/52 dated 26th June 1873 from the Commissioner of the Nilgiri Division

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1. It appears from the enclosures of the above and the petitions of Coffee Planters that orders are solicited for prohibiting Toddy Contractors from working the Bugini trees growing on their Estates and for substituting the old practice of renting out the Bugini toddy in place of the auction system now universally followed. They also state that according to Clause 4 of their several Coffee Pattahs their estates should be exempted from the visits of such men.

2. It appears from the Correspondence connected with this

this subject, that in the year 1863, on the complaint of certain Coffee Planters, who objected to Bugini Contractors interference, it was directed that remission of assessment on Bugini trees and the exemption from the visits of Bugini Contractors should be made only in the case of Ellis Little. Subsequently this concession was extended to some others.

3. Upon this, a question arose whether this concession was to be made general. It was suggested* that Caudoyem might be remitted in all cases in which European Planters clear and fence their estates, and retained in the case of native Planters who do not follow the example of their European neighbours. It was also observed that a general notice should be given to all Planters to the effect that they should fence their Coffee

states.

* Letter No. 795-9723 January 186
from the Commd. of Galle to Gran

estates, and if this seemed
impracticable the Coffee
Planters must compensate
the toddy Contractor. The form
=er was found impracticable
and therefore it was sub=
=mitted for the approval of
the Chief Commissioner that
Planters who object to the
ingress and egress of Bungini
Contractors should compen
=sate them, and if this seemed
inexpedient, the Caudoyem
may be remitted in cases of
Planters who have cleared &
fenced their estates. Under
the system then prevalent a
Bungini Caudoyem was levi
under two heads - viz Koolwa
Putta and Yékasala Izara
(vide margin for explanation
In supersession of the old
orders passed, it was directed
that Caudoyem might be re
=mitted where Planters ma
arrange with ryots & purcha
the privilege of drawing toddy

* Putta represents the a=
=mount of rent for which the right
of drawing toddy from Bungini trees
in Villages is leased out to a ryot
until the receipt of a higher bid
from another individual -

* Yekasala Izara comprises the
amount for which the said right
in Villages for which two Dur=
=bars have been received is sold
annually by auction to the highest
Bidder -

* Letter No 426 of 12th March 1863
to Superintt of Police Trichinopoly -

In 1867 a Circular was issued requesting to be informed of the best plan that might be adopted for preventing misunderstanding between Bazini Contractors and Coffee Planters.

5. Upon this Circular it was proposed that the right of drawing and disposing of toddy on Government lands should be sold, that the Proprietors of Hittals should be permitted to dispose of toddy in their Hittals subject to the condition of their paying for it, and that all Coffee Planters should be left in undisturbed possession of Bazini trees.

6. These proposals were generally acceded to, but it was suggested that there is no objection in placing Native and European Planters on the same footing, that they are at liberty to draw free for

Bagayat irrigation

their own use, and that for disposing of the remainder an additional Huzzurwanee Caudoyem must be paid. The levy of an additional Huzzurwanee Caudoyem was found difficult and therefore the Deputy Commissioner of Hassan advocated the desira-bility of reverting to the old system of renting out by Villa-ges to the Chief Sowdahs.

7. Upon this, an order was issued that Begini toddy re-venue might be managed as heretofore until further en-quiries were made. A wrong construction was put upon the word "heretofore" to mean the auction system, hence it is still prevailing in the Di-vision. Major Campbell in his letter to the Chief Comm requested permission to revert to the former system of renting out to Villagers, taking the average of 5 or 6 years, as an

upset price for the Contract of each Village and restricting competition to Villagers holding lands within the Village. No answer has been given to this letter. The Deputy Supertt of Hassan strongly recommends reversion to the old system.

8. In connection with this subject the Supertt of the Nagar Division remarks that European Planters do not recognize the rights of toddy Contractors considering that Clause 4 of their Putta exempts their Estates from the visits of all Sharadars. He also observes in the same letter that this privilege of which natives are unaware must be extended to them. This question was left undecided.

The existing system of selling to the highest bidder the revenue derived from this source appears to be proper as it

it promotes competition obvi=
=ates the occurrence of all
abuse and increase of the
revenue.

10. To remove all com
=plaint, the trees standing o
Coffee Estates and Hittals
or backyards, as those growi
in Imam and Koyengootta
Villages, may be excluded fr
future leases. The concessio
now recommended does not
apparently involve any per
=ceptable sacrifice of revenu
the right to the Bugini tre
in the Sagar Malnad Wast
and Lands, belongs to their
holders and the Contractor
operations are confined to
those growing on unoccupie
waste and jungle lands. In
the case of Surveyed Villages
the date and sago palms be=
=come the property of the land
holder and the Chief Comm
has been pleased to recognize
the right of the Coffee Planter

Statement showing the Revenue derived from Bagani trees in the Ash=
=taram Division.

Years	Amount		
1868-69	1618	1	10
1869-70	3843	4	4
1870-71	4265	8	6
1871-72	5080	7	5
1872-73	6888	3	11
	4 21695	10	

Average 5423-

to trees growing on their Es-
tates and Tittuls - Under
these circumstances, a simi-
lar concession in the case
of the Aletagram planters
may be made without disturb-
ing the existing system of
renting the trees standing on
lands other than those above
mentioned to the highest
bidder -

7. To prevent any mis-con-
ception of the relative rights
of the Government Contractors
and of the holders of the land
containing Buginis in the
Aletagrama or Nagar Mal-
wad, where alone they grow
spontaneously, it may be said
that the former cannot force
the latter without their con-
sent or remuneration to work
the trees, nor can the latter
draw toddy for vend without
a license from the Contractor
or a Competent Government
Officer - For their bonafide use

or of tenants pa[illegible]
they may draw toddy obtaining
a license from the Contractor,
which in his interests and
those of the Government even
=tually should issue from him
to prevent smuggling and il-
=legal traffic. It was at one
time thought fit to prevent
the working of the Bupini
tree by the owners of land
on which it stands and ma
=ny might have buy it if required
from the Shops opened by the
Government Contractor. It
was found impracticable
as the Malay Pykas, who cu
=tivate land in the Malnad,
remonstrated against the
measure and unless they wer
promised the use of the tre
without any tax, as forme
they did not resume the cu
=tivation, and they prize the
liquor as a gift from natur
and as necessary of life to
enable them to live in a da

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Climate. Hence in the Nagar Nahad Taluka the Bujini tree is occupied & Govt. Land & Lands are excluded from the Contractor's lease.

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Ss. Hts. Mulnad of the
Hassan District the
ryots have been accustomed
from time immemorial
to draw their toddy from
the Sago palms which
grow generally in the
jungles. When these
jungles were granted
for the cultivation of
coffee the question arose
what are the rights of
the toddy Contractor in
regard to the palms grow
-ing on lands granted
on Coffee putta -

2. Some argued that
under clause 4 of the
putta a clause which

Refers to exemption from
petty izardars - their
lands were exempted for
the visits of the toddy
drawers - Mr. Bowring
in 1863 ruled that Planters
wishing to keep the toddy
drawers out might com-
=pensate them as the
Inam apparently make
no provision for any other
class than farmers and
it could not have
been the intention of
the late Commissioners
to rescind a privilege
of the ryots of a long
standing -

3. The present practice
is to sell yearly the

right

of any one village by
public auction - This
practice it is reported
does not work satisfactorily
and gives rise to many
complaints -

4 - In these circumstances
the following appears
to the Chief Commissioner
the most desirable
course -

I - A fixed assessment
shall be levied on all
Supari (ie Sago palm)
trees growing in Coffee
gardens both native
and European and al
hittahs (back yards) -
The holder of such
gardens

garden or hittalu is at
liberty to use the toddy
of the trees for his own
and his servants con =
= sumption but may not
except thro' the licensed
vendor sell any toddy
drawn from his own trees -

II - The right of draw =
= ing toddy from trees other
than those growing in
gardens & hittalus will
be rented out to the
villagers within whose
village such trees are
at a fixed average assess =
= ment to be determined
by the average of the past 3
years - The renters shall re =
= ceive a license for the sale of
toddy within the limits of

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With reference to
Chief Commissioner's order
about fixing an assess-
-ment ~~about~~ of Sago palm
trees the following extract
from the Dy: Commr's letter
on the subject appears to
have escaped his notice.
"Pointing out the inherent
"difficulties attending the
"measure:- these may be
"briefly stated as follow
"1st The trouble that will
"be entailed on the servants
"of Government in ascer
"-taining accurately the
"number of trees in all
"the Hobli's and Coffee
"Estates throughout the
"country, for it is a fact
"which cannot be dis-
"-puted that Bugni trees
"are not to be found in
"every Hobli. Some frauds
"may happen now to
passers
the cause

"I possess one or two in their
"Huddals, while others who
"have larger holdings not
"unfrequently have none-
"in many villages there
"is not a Bugni tree to
"be seen, while in others
"the jungles and backyards
"are full of them.
"The 2nd difficulty which
"stands in the way consists
"in the constant alteration
"that will have to be made
"in the Pattahs for after
"two or three years use
"the Bugni tree dies out
"while fresh trees often
"spring up in the Huddals
"& other Boyds who will
"have to be assessed in stead.

Major Campbell the then Commr. of the Dn. in forwarding this report of the Dy: Commr. (A) says-

"I feel it my duty to do this (i.e bring to the notice of the Chief Commr. the loss on Bugni trees) because

because I think Captain Hill has given good reasons why the orders passed in 1869 should be reconsidered."

On this letter the former orders on the subject Paras 18 & 19 of Ach Agram Memo: (B) were cancelled and the order given to continue as heretofore.

2. If the tasc es levied on each tree the destruction of Tago palms must be made penal. if not the Planters might cut down the trees in their Gardens rather than pay the tasc.

3. If the contract for Aher trees is given to the Villagers collectively there will be some difficulty in determining who is to be the "licensed vendor Is it to be the potail or Chief Billaru (Toddy drawer)?

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Encl.
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The course proposed by the Bishops from Mont suggested by Capt. Hamburgh / / in ~~Confidence~~ an enclosure to Lieut. Colonel Scott & Childs, and / / in ~~favour~~ the right to collect & take tolls to Govt. Land & the Villages for no Payment, instead of putting it upon Public Authority - I am not sure if Capt. H. intended it should do all and Govt. do only the 1st Work -

Benjn Boddy

C. C. Foster

without Payment to the State if any by Therefor, which I consider wrong in principle and in practice liable to the same as above, and / that it would be retain the Intervention of Contractors in

My objection to Capt. H. Bishop contracting proposal is / / that Mr. Boddy, which has / / - the Natives have deputed by the Chiefs under Land. Justice as the course / the Power of Raising Supplies & discontent Boddy Jun Journals 1873 - 4 - according Boddy Completion, and no Boddy

* * Date trees do not grow in Munzerabad the ryots obtain their toddy from the Sago palm which is generally found growing in the Coffee Gardens.

2. The present practice is to put up the yearly right to collect the toddy by villages to public auction the highest bidder becomes the renter.

In order to obtain a hold over the local labor some European Planters purchase this right in respect of neighbouring villages and sub let it to the villagers.

The toddy is drawn by a particular class of men called Bilavaru who have in their

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turn bought the right
from the vendor.

3. Under clause 41
of their Paddah - Exemption
from visits of Toddy
Tizardars - European Coffee planters
raised the question whether
the toddy Vendor could
enter their gardens -
In some cases exemption
was granted.
Since 1866 this right
of the Contractor to enter
the garden has been
the cause of Complaint.

4. If the European
Coffee Gardens are exc =
= empted from the visits
of the vendor there are
no grounds why the Native
Gardens should not be
also exempted.
This would practically
result in giving up
the revenue from this
source, which on the average
of the past 5 years is

Annually

annually Rs. 5123 since handly - not 5 per Cent - any trees are to be found except in Coffee gardens.

5 - The main points for decision are, (I) have Pulayers the right of exemption from visits of renders (II) whether as in Nagar the trees are to be considered the property of the man holding the land, if not, (III) how is the right to collect the toddy to be disposed of.

6. With regard to the disposal of the right to collect toddy the following course have been proposed:-

(I) - Sell the right to collect by public auction

(II) The same - confining right to bid to people holding land in the village.

(III) Lending the right

to the villagers at a fixed average price.

IV) Excempting Coffee Estates and holders of back yards (on their paying for it) and selling the right to collect on Government lands.

7. Courses I, II & III are in the main, the same; are unpopular, and do not dispose of the grounds of complaint. The difficulty with regard to (IV) is, how is payment to be calculated.

8. The simplest course appears to be excempt all lands from the visits of the renter, allow the holder to draw the toddy for their own consumption but prohibit them under a penalty selling it. Put up the right of drawing from Government lands and of selling

toddy

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todby to Public auction. The purchaser would make his own arrange= =ments with land holder for any surplus they might wish to dispose of.

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Plan

Course II is that advocated by the Comm, & it was this course which the C.C. intended to authorise, but the meaning of the order was misunderstood & in consequence course I is ~~stuck~~ in force

I agree with Capt Mackenzie in thinking that neither of these methods would remove the real difficulty which arises from the unwillingness of planters to allow the renters on their estates. Perhaps

Capt Mackenzie's
course may be
suggested to the
Colonel: the progress
of the question being
briefly reviewed
in the order
25/8 Sec'y

Secty
25-8-73
H Ellis

MYSORE COMMISSION.

Copies Today to
the Honorable Member

I have opposed to present
time any Revision of Teddy
Bear Estates or private Estates
without special arrangement
such, and considered the
proper course
to adopt in this matter.
I - A fixed assessment to be
levied on the Virginia Trees
growing on the Copper
Estates, whether European
or Native, and Rattans,
from the holders of such
Estates or Rattans.
II. The Trees growing be-
yond the limits of such
Estates & Rattans to be
counted out of the kil-
-ly the Pikeys within which they are
respectively, at a fixed assess-
-ment, - proper assess-
ment - being made for

due valuation -
from certain responsi
- the parties of the du
if not to be paid o
the trees, and a licen
for the sale of Teddy
within the limits of
such Pikeys being pa
in their name -
2. In the case of No I,
the holders of the Estat
and Rattans sh
be at liberty to
Bear Teddy for the

GOVERNMENT
OF
MYSORE

A:. 631.

In his Proceedings of 2d Sept/73 No: $\frac{2935}{G123}$, the Chief Commissr. was pleased to suggest three courses regarding Bagani Toddy Contract which the Astagram Dpty. Commissr. was requested to Consider & submit his views thereon.

×In his Letter No: $\frac{529}{16}$ d/3d Dec/73,

×The Commissr. states "that looking to the many difficulties attending the imposition of fixed rates of assessment on the Bagani trees in Coffee gardens & in Nittalus" he is of opinion that, subject to the continuance of the system of renting out to the villagers the right of drawing toddy from trees other than those growing in gardens & Nittalus at an average of the past five years, the bagani question may remain as it is till the advent of the Survey Settlement, when he says "the bagani trees can be treated in the same manner as date trees standing on Ryots Cultivated land".-

×Nos: 669 & 756 d/5th & 21st Dec/73

×He forwards two letters from his Astagram Deputy. He would "allow all proprietors to have the bagani growing

their lands, and only
put up the right to grow
bajani in Govt. forests to
auction". He does not think
any restriction as to selling
need be imposed, or that
the question is one of sufficient
importance to call for any
ruling". He further states
that it is impossible to obtain
accurate account of the number
of bajani trees in Kittalur.

A statement shewing the
amount of revenue derived
from bajani toddy from the
last 5 years is enclosed, which
gives the total amount to be
Rs 21695-10-0.

A letter from the Planters
Association is submitted; it
does not throw any light on
the subject

B.A.C
10.12.13

+ No: 835 of 31 "Coll. Gs.

suggestion connected with planters
is deserving of consideration.

I would as I have submitted
~~recommended~~ in my former
Memo No 810 state recommend
that the course adopted in the
Nuggehalli Inam Rules regarding
the treatment of the question of the

Bagini hies may usefully be pursued - All Bagini hies in Coffee gardens and Kitchen should be kept in their owners restricting the use of the bottle for themselves and their tenants and that they should not sell it except in licensed premises - Until the survey operations are concluded & the Bagini hie is exposed in the same manner as the date palm standing on good occupied land, the Bagini hie on occupied good land and those growing on waste or unoccupied lands may be leased out in the interests of on their failing to take it up at any charges -

BDF
11/12/23

I think the Commissioners suggestion "A" of leading out to the villagers the right of drawing toddy from trees other than those growing in gardens & kittals at an average of the past 5 years realization" the best course for the present. It disposes of both causes of complaint i.e. precludes outsiders

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from buying the distd.
& drawing to daily (iii)
& frees (coffee gardens
from the visits of the
toddy drawers.
11/12. But it will, I
J.S.Ills fear, entail a
small loss of
Revenue. as no one
would pay the full
Amount: considering
the greater Number of
trees being in gardens
& hittahes.
This difficulty whose
found to exist, might
be got over by making
Each garden & hittahe
pay in proportion of
the average Revenue
correspondg to the
Number of trees it
may therein contain
16/12.
J.H.Ills

Third Report there
Papers for Col
Onraet.

The real fact appears
to be that the C.C.

views interfered to
authorise any de-
partures from the
systems of "Renting
" out to the villagers
" the right of drawing
" timber totally from
" trees other than
those growing
in gardens &
hillocks"

Where can there
be no objection
to a return to
this system until
the advent of
the survey

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There is
quite enough land
records with the Com-
Khasi under Sub-

Sch para 2 of the
Order of 2 Sept 73
No 2935 –

It is quite true
that it does not
dispose of the
point touched in
the last head I
of that paper, but
that the abandon-
ment of causes pro-
posed in connection
therewith & the cause
some loss of income
but for this there
appears under the
circumstances the
no help –

Order accordingly

Alex Order

14/3/74

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Pet

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ಸಾಲಿಗ್ರಾಮ ತಾಲೂಕು ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದ ಅರ್ಜಿಯ ಪ್ರತಿ

ಸಾಲಿಗ್ರಾಮ ತಾಲೂಕು ಕಚೇರಿ

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Yours sincerely,

[illegible]

Dr. K. Rama Murthy

Principal

Andhra Christian College

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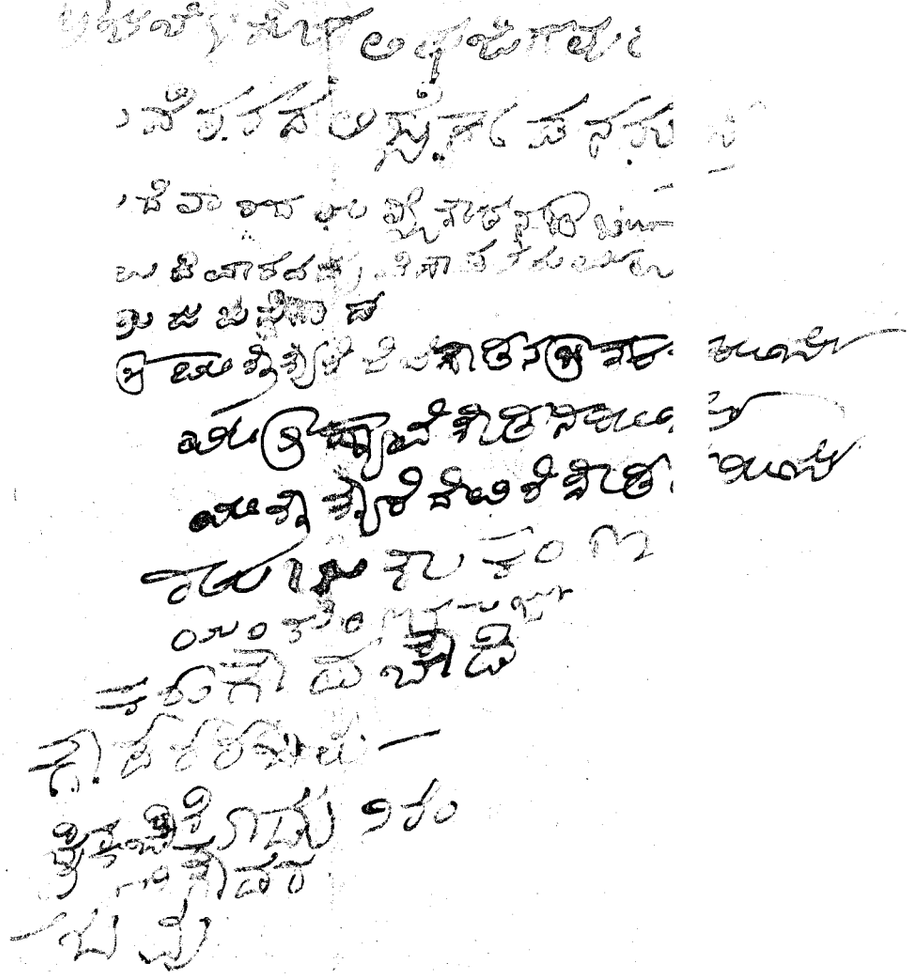
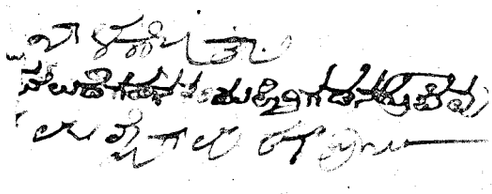
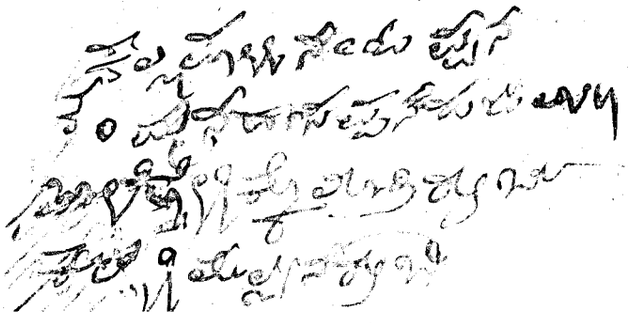
23/5/13







From the Native Coffee Planters of the Wadadapen
Durga Talook

10/6/73

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Stake that the Contract
author of Toddy entitles them
gardens without permission
and commit depredations
which cause them much
trouble - that if they
are prevented, they quarrel
with the Ryots - that the
Toddy Revenue was included
with the Rent of the
village - that since the
Lands were taken up for
Coffee cultivation, the
Toddy was given up
Contract - that the 4th Para
of the Pattah prohibits
the entry into the plantations
by petty contractors - that
there is nothing mentioned
in the Pattah about Toddy
the order for letting out
that even in other Jungles
seems to have been issued
Says that Toddy contracts
may be prohibited from being
done.

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Mysore Chief Commissioner's Office.
SECTION S. & J.

No. 1102
44

Official Memorandum. 1-(1873-4)

SERIAL No. 2

The accompanying Copy of an Urzee No. 127 received at the Chief Commissioner's Office from the Native Office Members of the Bakuru Taluk,

is forwarded together with its ____ enclosures to the Officer in charge of Palace Duties Commissioner of the Ashtagram Division for Report.

Bangalore ~~Fedivad~~ Department,
31st May 1873.

By Order,
[illegible]
Secretary.

Exd.
[illegible]

The Commons of the
Collegiate Church

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From The Commissioner
Ashlagram
Secretary to Chief Commissioner,

General Department.

SECTION S.R. Dated. 26th
FILE No. 1-(1873-74) Despatched. 2nd July June
SERIAL No. 3 Rec'd 4th "
Enclosures No. /

General No. 109
Genl No. 52 A.P. 1102 & 31st May 1873
Rep. & A.P. 44
In forwarding Copy of Correspondence about the Buskee Toddy in the Hasan District, requests to authorize the Dy. Commissioner to revert to the old system pending Survey Settlement.

To
Draftsman
3.7.73

Memo No. 2310 of 21/8/73.

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To

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
of Mysore.
General Department.

Dated, Camp Gelwal, 26th June 1873.

Sir,

Adverting to your Official Memo
No. 1102/44 of the 31st ultimo giving cover to
a petition from certain Native Planters
in the Hassan District praying for the
discontinuance of the Auction System
in respect to Bagnee toddy, I have the
honor to forward herewith for the Chief Com-
missioner's perusal a Memo of Correspon-
dence that has passed on the subject, and
request the favor of an early reply to Par
2 of this Office letter No. 594/99 dated
22nd November 1872 to your address in
which Major Campbell solicited her
Commission to revert to the old System of
renting out the toddy in question to the
villagers

Put in file

Villagers.—

Considering the unpopularity of the Auction System which formed the subject of Complaint both by Villagers and Planters, from 1866, the former of whom depend chiefly upon the supply of Bagasse to dry owing to the non existence of dale trees, I respectfully beg leave to state that looking to the interests of both the Government and Villagers, I concur in the views expressed by Major Campbell, and solicit that the Chief Commissioner will be pleased to authorize the Deputy Commissioner Rajsoom to revert to the old System pending Survey Settlement.—

The enclosure of the Offg Asst Memo under reply is herewith returned.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

Commissioner
Attygram Division

In 1863, on Complaint of certain Coffee Planters in the Hassenn District who objected to Bugni Contractors entering their Coffee gardens, Major Hay, the then Superintendent decided that only in the case of Mr. Liddle, the Cundayem on the Bugni Trees should be remitted and his plantation exempted from the visits of Bugni Contractors.—

2. Subsequently, this Concession was extended to Messrs. Elliot & King.—

3. When this, a question arose whether the above Concession was to be made general both in cases of European & Native Planters.

4. The extensive alienation of jungles which contained a large number of Bugni Trees for Coffee Cultivation, the considerable inconvenience & hardship to which the Malabar Ryots, who are habitual Toddy drinkers would be subjected, if they be deprived of the privilege enjoyed by them in entering the jungles and obtaining the usual supply of Toddy on which they chiefly depend owing to non-existence of date trees, and the loss which remission of the Cundayem

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on the Bagini Trees would entail on Govt
presented themselves as difficulties for
easy Settlement of the above question —

5 In bringing these point to the
notice of the Chief Commissioner, Colonel
Pearse the then Superintendent, suggested
in his letter No. 795 dated 23rd January
1863 that the tax on the trees might be
remitted in all cases in which European
Planters clear and fence their Coffee Estates,
but retained in the case of all the Native
Planters, unless the latter fence and clear
their estates in the same manner as Europea
Planters. —

6. The Chief Commissioner in consi
=dering the above arrangement requested
Submission of further information on the nature
of the tax and the manner in which it was
levied, observing at the same time that a
general notice should be given to Planters
that they must fence their Coffee Plantations,
and that if this seemed impracticable,
Planters wishing to keep the Toddy drawers
out, might Compensate them. —

7. In furnishing the information
above called for, Colonel Pearse represented

notice to all planters and submitted, a pro-
posal in substitution of the one first made
by him that planters who object to ingress
and egress of Bagui Contractors should
Compensate them, if they wish to get rid of
them altogether, and that if this cannot
be done, the Condayem might be remitted
in cases in which planters have properly
fenced and cleared their plantations.—

8. Col: Pearse also stated that
under the System heretofore observed, the
Bagui Condayem is levied under two heads,
Vizt, Coolwar Puttah and Gahkadala Ejara,
the former representing the amount of
rent for which the right of drawing Toddy
from Bagui Trees in Villages or Woodways
is leased out to a ryot who has applied
for the same and included in his puttah,
until the receipt of a higher bid from
another individual, and the latter (the
Gékadala) comprising the amount
for which the said right in Villages
or "Woodoways" for which no durkhasts
are received is sold annually by Auction
to the highest bidder.—

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Upon this, the Chief Commissioner observed in Secretary's letter No. 426 dated 12th March 1863 that issue of General orders on the subject does not appear desirable, and that in preferring to take up individual cases as they arise, Government may relinquish its Condayeur in cases in which the Planters may arrange with the ryots and buy the privilege of drawing Toddy.—

10. In 1864, the Mundaya of Nad Potach in the Hassan District, presented a Petition to the Chief Commissioner who on receipt of this Office letter No. 46/23 dated 20th May 1864 issued an order that the right of drawing Toddy should be sold to the Ryots according to previous practice.—

11. In 1866, on receipt of a petition from certain Native Planters, praying for orders, prohibiting the Bagny Contractors from entering into their estates, the Chief Commr. in Secretary's letter No. 42/2 dated 2nd May 1866 concurred in the views of Col: Pearse who advocated the desirability of the Planters fencing and clearing their estates.—

12. In August 1866, certain Ryots who were Contractors for that year, Complained that the item of their Contract was leased out to others before the expiry of one year.-

13. The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan in reporting on this matter pointed out the evil of accepting tenders and renewing the same before the expiry of a year, accor to the previous practice, and advocated the desirability of leasing out the item one in a year by public Auction to the highes bidder.- In fact from this time, the old System of renting out by Village or "Boo = way" seems to have been discontinued and Auction System introduced generally by the Dy. Commr., Hassan.-

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14. Subsequently that is in Februar 1867, a Partly Circular No. 0333/33 of the 14th February 1867 was received from the Secretar to the Chief Commissioner, requesting to be informed of the best plan that might be adopted with a view to prevent unde = understanding between Bagni Contractors and Coffee Planters.-

15. The Dy. Commr., Hassan, aft consultation with Messrs Krishnaiah and

and Elliot, stated in his letter No. 183 dated 20th May 1867, that any measure which would deprive the Malnad Ryots of the privilege long enjoyed by them in respect to the Bagni Toddy would operate very hard and create uneasy feelings in their minds and that the only remedy in the matter is that Planters desiring to put a stop to the visits of Bagni Contractors should purchase the right.—

16. Mr. Kristna Row was of opinion that Bagni Trees should be properly conserved, that Planters should purchase the right, that all Bagni Trees in Hittals should be rented out to the Proprietors, and those growing in the jungles at large leased out to a Contractor by Competition or rented out to the Potail of the Village for a fixed Sum.—

17. Mr. Elliot maintained that the Proprietors of the Hittals should be allowed to dispose of the produce of the Bagni Trees growing in their Hittals without paying any rent for the same, but the right of drawing Toddy from

Bagui Trees in Coffee gardens should
be rented out to Planters at previous rates
of Rent, until Coffee Habit exceeded the
same when it should cease, and that the
right of drawing Toddy from the Trees on
Government waste and unoccupied lands
be put up to Auction annually. —

18. In forwarding these opinions,
Col: Elliot proposed in his letter No. 867/141
dated 5th June 1867 to the address of the
Secy to the Chief Commissioner that "the
" right of drawing and disposing of the
" Toddy from Bagui Trees in ~~Government Lands~~
" ~~private Lands~~ and that the Proprietors
" of Hettahs should be required to pay for
" the right of disposing of the Toddy drawn
" from Bagui Trees in their Hettahs, re-
" taining the right of drawing free for their
" own use, and that all Coffee Planters
" who have occupied their Lands agreeably
" to the Conditions of the Pattahs be left
" in undisturbed possession of such trees
" as they may desire to retain for the use
" of the Coolies on their estates without the
" option of disposing of it in any way
" to the detriment of the Contractor's interest."

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The Chief Commissioner in concurring generally in the above proposals observed that he has no objection to the Native Coffee Planters being placed on the same footing as Europeans, that with regard to the rights of the Proprietors of Pattahs, they are at liberty to draw what they require for their own consumption and to sell the remainder, but for this privilege they should pay additional Kadaramvani Cundagem, which might be levied by the Amildar as compensation to the Contractor.—

20. With reference to this point, the Dy. Commissioner, Hasson, represented the difficulties that would attend the levy of additional Kadaramvani Cundagem on each Bagui Tree, and, advocated the desirability of reverting to the old system of renting out by Villages to the Chief Gowdas.—

21. This was upheld by Major Campbell in his letter No. 399/15 dated 28th April 1809 to the address of the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, who, in reply stated that the Bagui Toddy revenue might be managed as heretofore, until further enquiries were made by the Dy. Commrs.—

22. The Dy. Commr requested Major Campbell to take up the matter into his hands, but the latter Officer was not able to do so.—

23. The Dy. Commr having erroneously construed the word "heretofore" to mean Auction System, the latter is still in force.—

24. In 1872, certain Native Planters addressed a petition to the Chief Commissioner offering to pay Cundayem for the Bengie Trees grown on their holdings, and praying that the Contractor may not be allowed to enter their estates.—

25. In submitting a report on this petition as called for, and in adverteince to previous correspondence, Major Campbell in his letter No. 594/97 dated 22nd November 1872, to the address of the Secy to the Chief Commissioner, requested permission to revert to the former System of renting out to Village from the beginning of the Current Official year, taking the average of 5 or 6 years as an upset prices for the Contract for Village and restricting the Competition to persons holding lands within the Village Viz. Gowdas & European & Native Coffee Planters.—

No answer has yet been received to this letter.

It will thus be seen that the Auction System has not worked well since 1866 in which it was introduced by the Dy. Commissioner, Hasson, and that in the interests of both Government and Villagers including Planters, the Dy. Commissioner, Hasson, strongly recommends reversion to the old System of renting out the items by Villages for a fixed sum.— This recommendation has been supported by Major Campbell.—

Commissioner
Attagram Division.

2/12/73

No. 484

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Enquiry Gowdale of Madakeri - Kaveriappa Siddhapur

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2-6/93

States that in 1855 applied for the Hill Boys and Kittalu and Sippi Kittalu for the cultivation of Coffee, and got Putta for them - that he Land cost Rs 1500, and planted them - that he now gets a Crop of ~~1500~~ 15 Candy, and expects at 3 or 400 Candy - that he has dug a trench and planted a hedge that the Standayani for Bagani Kere was formerly 16 Annas, but now it Contract has been for Rs 45 to some European that he sublets the to his Ryots/coolies who are his Enemies - that being in those who are Coddy and those dest the plantation - that he hears that ~~two~~

Bryant Reid in Hawa
Kahoolawe has been
appointed. He begs for
Grant privilege, the
Address he desires presented
were two or three petitions
the Assembly Convened
& Gods rest -

O. P. O

SECTION

FILE No.

SERIAL No.

1873.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

GENERAL.

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Original (To) remaining

THE OFFG. COMMISSIONER OF THE
ASHTAGRAM DIVISION.

Dated September 2nd

Despatched

Received

No. 2935.
G. 123.

Requests to re-consider the whole question regarding Bagani Toddy, and submit his views on the course last suggested.

From the Offg. Commissioner of the Ashtagram Division, To the Offg. Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department, No. 169—52, dated Camp Yelwál, 26th June 1873.

Adverting to your official memo, No. 1102—44 of the 31st ultimo, giving cover to a petition from certain native planters, in the Hassan District, praying for the discontinuance of the auction system in respect to bagani-toddy, I have the honor to forward herewith for the Chief Commissioner's perusal, a memo of correspondence that has passed on the subject, and request the favor of an early reply to para 2 of this office letter, No. 594—99, dated 22nd November 1872, to your address, in which Major Campbell solicited permission to revert to the old system of renting out the toddy in question to the villagers.

2. Considering the unpopularity of the auction system, which formed the subject of complaint both by villagers and planters from 1866, the former of whom depend chiefly upon the supply of bagani-toddy owing to the non-existence of date trees, I respectfully beg leave to state that looking to the interests of both the Government and villagers, I concur in the views expressed by Major Campbell, and solicit that the Chief Commissioner will be pleased to authorize the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan, to revert to the old system pending Survey settlement.

3. The enclosure of the official memo under reply is herewith returned.

Memo.

In 1863, on complaint of certain coffee planters in the Hassan District, who objected to bagani contractors entering their coffee gardens, Major Hay, the then Superintendent, decided that only in the case of Mr. Little the kandáyem on the bagani trees should be remitted and his plantation exempted from the visits of bagani contractor.

2. Subsequently, this concession was extended to Messrs. Elliot and King.

3. Upon this, a question arose whether the above concession was to be made general, both in cases of European and Native planters.

4. The extensive alienation of jungles which contained a large number of bagani trees for coffee cultivation, the considerable inconvenience and hardship to which the Malnád ryots, who are habitual toddy drinkers, would be subject, if they be deprived of the privilege enjoyed by them in entering the jungles and obtaining the usual supply of toddy on which they chiefly depend, owing to non-existence of date trees, and the loss which remission of the kandáyem on the bagani trees would entail on Government, presented themselves as difficulties for easy settlement of the above question.

5. In bringing these points to the notice of the Chief Commissioner, Colonel Pearse, the then Superintendent, suggested in his letter, No. 795, dated 23rd January 1863, that the tax on the trees might be remitted in all cases in which European planters clear and fence their coffee estates, but retained in the case of all the Native planters, unless the latter fence and clear their estates in the same manner as European planters.

6. The Chief Commissioner in concurring in the above arrangement, requested submission of further information on the nature of the tax and the manner in which it was levied, observing at the same time that a general notice should be given to planters, that they must fence their coffee plantations and that if this seemed impracticable, planters wishing to keep the toddy drawers out, might compensate them.

7. In furnishing the information above called for, Colonel Pearse represented the impracticability of issuing a general notice to all planters, and submitted a proposal in supersession of the one first made by him, that planters who object to ingress and egress of bagani contractors should compensate them, if they wish to get rid of them altogether, and that if this cannot be done, the kandáyem might be remitted in cases in which planters have properly fenced and cleared their plantations.

8. Colonel Pearse also stated that, under the system heretofore observed, the bagani kandáyem is levied under two heads, *viz.*, Kulawárpattá and Yékasála Izára, the former representing the amount of rent for which the right of drawing toddy from bagani trees in villages or Udvés is leased out to a ryot who has applied for the same, and included in his pattá, until the receipt of a higher bid from another individual; and the latter (the Yékasála) comprising the amount for which the said right in villages or "Udvés" for which no darkhásts are received, is sold annually by auction to the highest bidder.

9. Upon this, the Chief Commissioner observed in Secretary's letter, No. 426, dated 12th March 1863, that issue of general orders on the subject does not appear desirable, and that in preferring to take up individual cases as they arise, Government may relinquish its kandáyem in cases in which the planters may arrange with the ryots and buy the privilege of drawing toddy.

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13. The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan, in reporting on this matter, pointed out the evil of accepting tenders, and renewing the same before the expiry of a year, according to the previous practice, and advocated the desirability of leasing out the item once in a year by public auction to the highest bidder. In fact, from this time, the old system of renting out by village or "Udvé" seems to have been discontinued, and auction system introduced generally by the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan.

14. Subsequently, that is in February 1867, a partly Circular, No. 6333—33 of the 14th February 1867, was received from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, requesting to be informed of the best plan that might be adopted with a view to prevent misunderstanding between bagani contractors and coffee planters.

15. The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan, after consultation with Messrs. Krishna Rao and Elliot, stated in his letter, No. 183, dated 20th May 1867, that any measure which would deprive the Malnád ryots of the privilege long enjoyed by them in respect to the bagani toddy would operate very hard, and create uneasy feelings in their minds, and that the only remedy in the matter is that planters desiring to put a stop to the visits of bagani contractors should purchase the right.

16. Mr. Krishna Rao was of opinion, that bagani trees should be properly conserved, that planters should purchase the right, that all bagani trees in hittalús should be rented out to the proprietors, and those growing in the jungles at large leased out to a contractor by competition, or rented out to the Patél of the village for a fixed sum.

17. Mr. Elliot maintained that the proprietors of the hittalús should be allowed to dispose of the produce of the bagani trees growing in their hittalús without paying any rent for the same, that the right of drawing toddy from bagani trees in coffee gardens should be rented out to planters at previous rates of tax, until coffee hálat exceeded the same when it should cease, and that the right of drawing toddy from the trees on Government waste and unoccupied lands be put up to auction annually.

18. In forwarding these opinions, Colonel Elliot proposed in his letter, No. 867—141, dated 5th June 1867, to the address of the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner that "the right of drawing and "disposing of the toddy from bagani trees on Government lands might be sold, that the proprietors of "Hittalús should be required to pay for the right of disposing of the toddy drawn from bagani trees in "their Hittalús, retaining the right of drawing free for their own use, and that all coffee planters who "have occupied their lands agreeably to the conditions of the Pattás be left in undisturbed possession of "such trees, as they may desire to retain for the use of the coolies on their estates without the option "of disposing of it in any way to the detriment of the contractors' interests."

19. The Chief Commissioner in concurring generally in the above proposals, observed that he has no objection to the Native coffee planters being placed on the same footing as Europeans, that with regard to the rights of the proprietors of hittalús, they are at liberty to draw what they require for their own consumption, and to sell the remainder, but for this privilege they should pay additional hasarváni kandáyem, which might be fixed by the Amildar, as compensation to the contractor.

20. With reference to this point, the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan, represented the difficulties that would attend the levy of additional hasarváni kandáyem on each bagani tree, and advocated the [illegible]ty of reverting to the old system of renting out by villages to the chief Gaudas.

21. This was upheld by Major Campbell in his letter, No. 399—18, dated 28th April 1869, to the address of the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, who, in reply, stated that the bagani toddy revenue might be managed as heretofore, until further enquiries were made by the Deputy Commissioner.

22. The Deputy Commissioner requested Major Campbell to take up the matter into his hands, but the latter Officer was not able to do so.

23. The Deputy Commissioner having erroneously construed the word "heretofore" to mean auction system, the latter is still in force.

24. In 1872, certain Native planters addressed a petition to the Chief Commissioner offering to pay kandáyem for the bagani trees grown on their holdings, and praying that the contractor may not be allowed to enter their estates.

25. In submitting a report on this petition as called for, and in advertence to previous correspondence, Major Campbell in his letter, No. 594—97, dated 22nd November 1872, to the address of the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, requested permission to revert to the former system of renting out to villagers from the beginning of the current official year, taking the average of five or six years as an upset price for the contract of each village, and restricting the competition to persons holding lands within the village, *viz.*, Gaudas, and European and Native coffee planters.

26. No answer has yet been received to this letter.

It will thus be seen that the auction system has not worked well from 1866, in which it was introduced by the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan, and that in the interests of both Government and villagers including planters, the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan, strongly recommends reversion to the old system of renting out the item by villages, for a fixed sum. This recommendation has been supported by Major Campbell.

No. 2935—GENL. 123, DATED BANGALORE, 2ND SEPTEMBER 1873.

ORDER THEREON.—The Chief Commissioner is of opinion that no toddy should be drawn anywhere except under specific rules and restrictions, one of which should be the payment of a fair tax for the privilege, and secondly, that the auction system which appears to have caused general discontent amongst the village communities should be abolished.

2. But for the difficulties pointed out by the Deputy Commissioner of Hassan in his letter, No. 966, dated 30th December 1867, *i. e.*, that of counting the trees and constantly altering the pattás as trees died or came into bearing, the following course would be the most desirable.

I. A fixed assessment to be levied on all bagani trees growing in coffee gardens, both European and Native, and in all hittalús. The holder of such garden or hittalu being at liberty to use the toddy of the trees for his own and his servants' consumption, but forbidden to sell except through the licensed vendor any toddy drawn from his own trees.

II. The right of drawing toddy from trees other than those growing in gardens and hittalús, to be rented out to the villagers within whose village such trees are, at a fixed average assessment to be determined by the average of the past three years. The renters would receive a license for the sale of toddy within the limits of such villages.

3. The course now recommended by the Commissioner of renting out the right of collecting the toddy of a village for a fixed sum to the villagers alone, only disposes of one cause of complaint, *i. e.*, the admission of outsiders to bid for the contract of a village, while the more important, one of freeing European and Native coffee gardens from the visits of the toddy drawers would still exist.

4. A third course has been suggested, *viz.* to exempt all gardens and hittalús from the visits of the renter; put up the right of drawing from trees on Government lands and of selling toddy in the village to public auction among the villagers. Since the drawing of toddy is in the hands of a particular class, Bellaru, it is considered that those persons who have bagani trees in their gardens and draw toddy from them will by remunerating the toddy drawer indirectly pay their quota of the tax.

5. The Commissioner is therefore requested to reconsider the whole question and submit his views on the course last suggested.

H. W. WELLESLEY,
Offg. Secretary.

To—The Offg. Commissioner, Ashtagram Division.

1873

From The Commissioner A.D.C.

To Secretary to Chief Commissioner
General Department.

SECTION S. P.
Dated 22d September 73
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Enclosures No.

General No. 356
No. 85

From Capt. Boys dated 2 September 1873

Reporting on the subject of Bugyis ordered for the orders of the Chief Commr.

In Duplicate.

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Recommendations made in this letter may be approved, and the Commissioner requested to expedite reply to the Chief Commissioner

Recommended in Proceedings dated 2d Sept 1873

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To,

The Secretary to the Chief Commissr
of Mysore.
General Department
Dated, Cyelwal, 22nd September 1873

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following for the orders of the Chief Commissioner

It appears from the Communication lately received from the Dy. Commissioner Hassan that under the practice heretofore observed a tax of 2 annas per pot has been levied by the former and present Abkary Contractors on the Bagini toddy brought for sale by the Contractors of the latter item in the Saloons of Baikur, Manjerabad and Maharajdroog.-

2. The object of levying this tax is to prevent the indiscriminate sale Sago palm toddy to the detriment of interests of the Abkary Contractors.-

3. As no provision has been made for the same in the Contract Bond &c

To the Secretary to Govt. of Bombay

Bill suggested that the right of collecting the toll might in future be rented out to him for a Sum of Rs. 800 per annum.—

Captain Taylor objects to this, pleading that he is entitled to the receipts from the above source until the expiry of the period of his Contract in the same manner as the former Contractor.—

Under these Circumstances I beg leave to submit that in my opinion the present Contractor may be allowed to continue levying the toll in question subject to its Settlement at the time of making final arrangements regarding the collection of Revenue from Bugrey Toddy as directed in the Chief Commissioner's proceedings No. 2935/123 dated 2nd September 1873.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

Commissioner

Sturgaum Division

Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore

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SECTION S P Letter from the Commissioner
FILE No. 1 (1873-74) Settagram No. 356/85 dated
SER'AL No. 6 22nd September 1873.

Order thereon

No. 3657 dated 7th October/73
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The suggestion made in the last para of the foregoing letter is approved, and the Commissioner is requested to expedite reply to the Chief Commissioner's order No. 293 recorded in Proceedings dated 2nd September last.

A/C/J Secretary

do The Commissioner of Settagram

Asstt: Commrs: Office

To.

The Secretary to the
Chief Commissioner
of Mysore

Dated Yelwal 3rd Decr: 1873.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No: 2935/123 dated 2d Septr: 73, requesting me to reconsider the whole subject connected with Bagni Toddy, and submit my views thereon, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Chief Commissioner, that looking to the many difficulties attending the imposition of fixed rates of Assessment on all Bagni trees, grown in Coffee gardens and in Kittals, (vide Suggestion X), I am of opinion that, subject to the continuance of the system of renting out to the villagers the right of drawing toddy from trees other than those growing in gardens and Kittals at an average of the past five years realizations - the Bagni question may remain as it is till the survey takes up the Manjerabad Taluk, and then the Bagni Trees can be treated in the same manner as date trees standing on the Ryots

Cundayan Lands.

Copies of the marginally noted letters from the Dy: Commissioner, Nagaon, on the subject are enclosed.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

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Commissioner Asbm: Dv:

No: 609 ~ 15: Oct/73 from Nagaon
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No. 669

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Dy: Commrs: Office

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3. From a careful study of the subject in all its bearings, I am fully convinced that there is more fraud going on in the Coffee Departt., than any Rev: Deptt in Mysore.—

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Mr.

Mr. Middleton who has more waste land than any other ... Planter, said they would prefer a moderate acreage, say 12 annas or even a rupee. This alone would give nearly as much as we get now from both Euro= pean and native gardens together.—

It would at once settle what, if allowed to go on further, may prove a difficult question — the rights of natives to certain jungles.— Those who could not afford, or did not wish, to cultivate would resign their Jungles.—

Even now the action of the Forest Dept. is greatly cramped.— The most impudent claims to jungles are put forward and cannot be disallowed without a long investigation, and in short Government interest digger in every way.—

2. Forests, especially Forests of the character of those in Bailoor, Hiderajdroog and the Eastern portion of Manjerabad will, day by day, become more valuable for timber.— The Railway must soon, or later reach these parts, and in these Forests, which, from the nature

of the ground, can easily be worked, the action of the Forest Department will be tied by finding Smuggled in the hands of the people who have been allowed to acquire them, and to reclaim them without any adequate consideration whatsoever.—

13. Again, there is no check whatever on smuggling, except an underpaid and notoriously venal native agency.—

14. For the sake of the revenues, in the interests of the morality, and for the protection of the valuable State Forests, I would advocate the survey of all coffee lands in this District being at once undertaken by the Revenue Survey Department, and an acreage substituted for the present ridiculous habit system.— I believe the cost of the survey would be covered in one year by the increased revenue, and further it would then perhaps be possible for the Forest Department to work the Forests in a more satisfactory manner than they do at present.

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I have &c.

Signed G F Cumming

Kapaa Dist

No 756.

Dy: Commrs: Office
Kapaa Dist
Kapaa 31: Octo: 1893

To,

The Commissioner
Admn: Dv:

Sir,

With reference to the 2d paragraph of your letter No: 581 of the 27: Instant, I have to state that I can offer no suggestion on the subject. — In my letter No: 669 dated 5: Octo: 1893, I pointed out that our returns of Coffee gardens themselves are inaccurate This being the case, we cannot hope to obtain accurate accounts

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4 In conclusion I must ex-press my regret that you consi-sider my letter above quoted con-tained irrelevant matter.— I still think that the Bagni question can only be satisfactorily dealt with as therein recommended.

I have &c.
Signed ~~J~~ G Cumming
Dy Commr.
Hapsan Dist.

No 835

Munzerabad 31: Octo: 1873

To.

The Dy: Commissioner
Hapsan

Sir,

In reply to your docket Mis: No: 400 dated 6: of Octo: forwarding copy of a letter addressed

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to the Commissioner Ashm Dn.
expressing your views regarding
Bagni Toddy. I am desired by
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I have &c.
"Signed" Arthur Moteo
Joint Honorary Secty

"Copy"
"Sd" E. Shaw
Offg: Dy: Commr:
Kaipara Dist

Copies

E. Shaw
Commissioner
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Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Department of Agriculture, Revenue and Commerce, 20th March 1874.

From the Offg. Commissioner of the Ashtagram Division, To the Offg. Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department, No. 529—116, dated Yelwal, 3rd December 1873.

In reply to your letter No. 2935—123, dated 2nd September 1873, requesting me to reconsider the whole subject connected with bagni toddy, and submit my views thereon, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Chief Commissioner, that looking to the many difficulties attending the imposition of fixed rates of assessment on all bagni trees grown in coffee gardens and in hittals, (*vide* suggestion I,) I am of opinion that, subject to the continuance of the system of renting out to the villagers the right of drawing toddy from trees other than those growing in gardens and hittals at an average of the past five years' realizations, the bagni question may remain as it is till the survey takes up the Manjarabad Taluk, and then the bagni trees can be treated in the same manner as date trees standing on ryots' kandayam lands.

Copies of the marginally noted letters from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan, on the subject, are enclosed.

No. 669, dated 5th October 1873, from Hassan.
„ 756, „ 31st do
835 „ 31st do from Joint Honorary Secretary.

From the Offg. Deputy Commissioner of the Hassan District, To the Offg. Commissioner of the Ashtagram Division, No. 669, dated Hassan, 5th October 1873.

In reply to your docket No. 496 of the 22nd ultimo, I have the honor to state that it appears to me that the bagni toddy question is one which ought not to be considered alone.

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18. I may add that I am going to ask the Association to check the figures, Rs. 7,291, shewn as last year's halat paid by the European planters, as I have doubts in my own mind as to its accuracy.

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20. I do not think any restriction as to selling need be imposed, or that the question is one of sufficient importance to call for any ruling.

From the Offg. Deputy Commissioner of the Hassan District, To the Offg. Commissioner of the Ashtagram Division, No. 756, dated Hassan, 31st October 1873.

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the Joint Honorary Secretary, Planters' Association, To the Offg. Deputy Commissioner of the Hassan District No. 835, dated Manjarabad, 31st October 1873.

In reply to your docket, miscellaneous No. 400, dated 6th of October, forwarding copy of a letter addressed to the Commissioner, Ashtagram Division, expressing your views regarding bagni toddy, I am desired by the members of the Association to inform you that they perfectly concur with you in your opinion on the subject; but that with regard to the substitution of a land tax in lieu of the present halat, it will be necessary to convene a general meeting to discuss the subject, and that as picking operations have already commenced, a meeting cannot be called until after the despatch of crop.

Statement shewing the Amount of Revenue realized from Bagni Toddy in the Hassan District for past five years.

No.	Year.	Amount.		
1	1868—69	1,618	1	10
2	1869—70	3,843	4	4
3	1870—71	4,265	8	6
4	1871—72	5,080	7	5
5	1872—73	6,888	3	11
	Total	21,695	10	...

No. 6907—Rev. 101, dated Bangalore, 20th March 1874.

Order thereon.—As recommended by the Commissioner, the Chief Commissioner directs that, until the advent of the survey, the system of renting out to the villagers the right of drawing bagni toddy from trees other than those growing in gardens and hittals at an average of the past five years be continued and acted upon.

2. This does not dispose of the point treated under sub-head I of para 2 of the Order of 2nd September last.

H. W. WELLESLEY,
Offg. Secretary.

To—The Officiating Commissioner, Ashtagram Division.

Misc. No 30

SECTION S.R.

FILE No. 1-1873-74)

SERIAL No. 8

1874.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

REVENUE.

To

THE OFFG. COMMISSIONER OF THE
CHITAGRAM DIVISION.

Dated March 20

Despatched

Received

No. 6907.
R. 101.

Directs the continuance, until the advent of the Survey of the present system of renting out the right of drawing Bagni Toddy)

From the Commissioner of Ashtagram

No 529 Dt 3.12.73
R 116

Reports on the Subject of the Bagan Toddy

To. the officiating Commissioner
Ashtagram Division

No 6907 Dt 20.3.1874
R 101

Directs the continuance until the advent of the Survey of the present system of renting out the right of drawing Bagni Toddy

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D.B. Thammaya

Countermarked
B. Nagaraja Rao